IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For

AUTOMOBILE MOLDING AND FASTENER THEREFOR

Commissioner for Patents

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the review of the above identified application, please enter the following amendments. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, applicants have provided a separate marked-up version of the amended claims showing the changes relative to the previous version of those claims (attached).

In the claims:

Please replace claims 6 with the following amended claim 6.

6. (Amended) An automobile molding according to claim 1, wherein the protrusions that come in contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.

Please add new claims 18-21, as follows.

--18. An automobile molding according to claim 2, wherein the protrusions that come in contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from

either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.

- 19. An automobile molding according to claim 3, wherein the protrusions that come in contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.
- An automobile molding according to claim 4, wherein the protrusions 20. that come in contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.
- 21. An automobile molding according to claim 5, wherein the protrusions that come in contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.--

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Please amend claim 6, as follows.

6. (Amended) An automobile molding according to <u>claim one of claims</u> 1 through 5, wherein the protrusions that come in contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.

Please add new claims 18-21, as follows.

- --18. An automobile molding according to claim 2, wherein the protrusions that come in contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.
- 19. An automobile molding according to claim 3, wherein the protrusions that come in contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.
- 20. An automobile molding according to claim 4, wherein the protrusions that come in contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.

21. An automobile molding according to claim 5, wherein the protrusions that come in contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.--